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SUBJECT: OPPENHEIMER MEETING WITH MOBUTU

1. DURING THE PAST WEEKEND SOUTH AFRICAN INDUSTRIALIST HARRY OPPENHEIMER, ACCOMPANIED BY DEBEERS, MADE AN UNANNOUNCED VISIT TO ZAIRE ARRIVING IN HIS OWN PLANE. HE HAD THREE-HOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU NOVEMBER 2 DURING WHICH SMTF COPPER PROJECT WHICH WAS PUT TOGETHER BY CHARTER CONSOLIDATED WAS DISCUSSED. MAURICE TEMPLESMAN AND LARRY DEVLIN WERE ALSO PRESENT.

2. ACCORDING TOTEMPLESMAN AND DEVLIN, MOBUTU WAS AT HIS MOST PRAGMATIC AND MADE A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON THE SOUTH AFRICANS. AMONG OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED WAS ANGOLA.

3. DURING HIS STAY IN ZAIRE, OPPENHEIMER ALSO VISITED LUBUMBASHI.
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